

Dear Sir/Mam,

I find it completely deplorable that you legislators have neglected most of our children in the State of Connecticut! We NEED OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FULLY FUNDED. In West Hartford, for example, you currently owe us over \$37,000,000! How is it that you have been able to find money to fund new Charter Schools that have NO research behind their effectiveness (please look closely at any numbers of graduates they claim- how many have left the school since 9th grade?), hire non-certified teachers, serve only a small portion of our student population and are not subject to the same transparency laws so are open doors for corruption? You have chosen to UNDER fund our current neighborhood, public schools which serve the majority of our population? Why is that?

FUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BEFORE EXPERIMENTAL (CHARTER) SCHOOLS ARE GIVEN ANY MORE MONEY! Charter schools hurt our public schools by siphoning funds away. Charter schools do not educate the same percentages of English language learners, or special education students as our public schools do. This is creating a WIDER ACHIEVEMENT GAP than already exists.

I am also completely against SBAC testing and common core, but, to express all of my reasons, I would need to write a book, and that would be too much for one email!

Sincerely,

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